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LOK SABHA

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Project Tiger
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to reduce fund allocation for the Project Tiger and if so, the reasons therefor;
(b) whether this move has affected the national parks adversely in setting up of special tiger protection forces and in installing electronic surveillance systems for anti-poaching activities and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has received proposals from Wildlife Conservation Trust urging to restore the previous funding and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)Question does not arise.

(c)Yes, Sir. A copy of letter addressed to the Finance Minister by Chairman, Wildlife Conservation Trust and Member, National Tiger Conservation Authority has been received in the National Tiger Conservation Authority, wherein it has been requested to restore the earlier funding pattern, which has been changed due to modification in devolution ratio to States following acceptance of recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission by Government of India.

(d)The change in funding pattern has been brought based on the report of the Sub-group of Chief Ministers on the rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Scheme, constituted by NITI Aayog. As such, no corrective steps are required.

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